

VOLUNTEER SERVICE.

COMMISSIONS ARE HARD TO GET IN
WASHINGTON.

A GOOD "PULL" IS NECESSARY.

Captain Bossieux's Application—Series of Post-Office Officials—II. E. Smith, of Suffolk, Appointed Census Supervisor—Personal Notes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 1.—(Special)—The semi-official and almost positive statements given out from the War Department to the effect that no commissions would be issued to others than those now in the volunteer service for the 10,000 men to reinforce Otis are, it is understood, being quietly disregarded. The object was to keep off "a scramble" for the places, and, if possible, to prevent certain Senators and Representatives from coming here to push the claims of their constituents. It has leaked out that favored amateur and administration applicants are being secretly booked for commissions in the increased army, Ohioans being in the lead. This is all being done in such a manner as to escape detection, and is one of the reasons for the stringent order establishing a censorship over the clerks and other employees of the War and Navy Departments. No news can now be given out, except by the Secretary of War, Assistant Secretary, or Adjutant-General. This order, of course, also covers the appointments of officers in the increased army, and no announcement will be made of such appointments until the entire quota is filled.

CAPTAIN BOSSIEUX'S APPLICATION.

Captain Lamb, the energetic representative from the Metropolitan District, was here to-day, and went with Captain E. Gray Bossieux, an efficient and expert disciplinarian, who has seen service in Cuba, to interview Adjutant-General Corbin, and, if possible, to secure a commission for the latter. The Adjutant-General blandly said that no measures had yet been perfected towards organizing the volunteer force above the 65,000 men authorized by Congress, but that something would be done very soon, and Captain Lamb was satisfied. It is due to the fact that Captain Bossieux's chances are about even; the whole 3,000 men are called out, and in that event he may get a commission in the volunteer army until 1891.

The press dispatches to-day do not improve the Philippine outlook. Whatever has been received by the War Department relative to the precarious fix of General Arthur's force was not posted when the Manila dispatches usually are. The news in the papers was read with great concern by officials who are keeping a close watch on the Philippine campaign at the War Department. Many of them believe that in view of the censorship over everything before it is cabled, there is more significance to be attached to the news received this morning than appears on the face of it.

MACARTHUR BESEIGED.

"General MacArthur is really besieged," said one army officer. "He is acting wholly on the defensive and seemingly at a disadvantage. It is a mistake to think that his lines extend to San Fernando, as has been generally reported. He simply has a flying column, which, though not a vestige remains of this remarkable "house that Jack built," the story goes, is still alive when he is pressed enough to make a stand." And it is probable that if John O'Groat had built his house near one of the Mugby Junctions of civilization, instead of on a wild and remote island, the romance of its construction would have had a much wider popular interest.

Once upon a time—or, to narrow the confines of that intermediate period in the reign of James IV.—there dwelt in the Scottish island three brothers, John, Groat, named respectively, John, Malman, and Gavin. It is thought that they were originally of Dutch extraction, a matter, however, which is not certain. The brothers were all of the same height, and with roads not exactly constructed for pacemaking, and hills which sternly obstructed it, more than one enthusiast has had to fall back upon the inimitable qualities of the peder and contem, himself with the opportunity afforded for counting the cost of his undertaking. Failing to snatch a record, it is little surprising that a modest performance at home have brought home with them the legend. They presently acquired a considerable tract of land known as Dunghill, on the shore of Pentland Firth, in the ocean, and, as the name suggests, appear to have prospered exceedingly. Little more is known of their doing; and it is not until the lapse of many years that their descendants appear upon the historic page.

The family, so far, only thrived, but multiplied, and the next act of the drama discloses eight different representatives of as many branches, the elder being the John who would meet the King, the younger, John, who would meet the Queen.

The King received him with the same courtesy as the Queen, and the courtiers were disappointed at the failure of the market to weaken.

EARLY WEAKNESS ON SPECIALTIES.

There was early weakness in the specialties on the injunction against the payment of dividends, and the market became general after the publication of the bank statement on covering by shorts, who were disappointed at the failure of the market to weaken.

RICHMOND STOCK EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., July 1, 1890.

Sales: Virginia Trust Company, 5 shares at \$132.

Bond adjourned until Wednesday, July 5, 1890.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Bid. Asked. United States 3's.....\$107....

STATE SECURITIES.

North Carolina 4's.....109

North Carolina 6's.....139

Virginia 3's (new).....88

Virginia Century.....854

CITY SECURITIES.

Richmond city 8's.....132

Richmond city 6's.....135

Richmond city 5's.....115

Richmond city 4's.....106

RAILROAD BONDS.

Atlanta and Charlotte 1st 7's.....118

Atlanta and Char. guar. in. 6s.....101½

Ga. So. and Fla. 5's.....109

Atl.-Coast Line of Va. "A".....109

Petersburg, Class B 6's.....125

Rich. and Peters' consol 6's.....125

Hick. and Meck. 1st 4's.....85

Southern Railway 1st 5's.....109

West. and N. W. 1st 5's.....110

Wash. and Ga. 2's (new).....109

Texas and Pacific 2's.....105

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